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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

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In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 33 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Q' --Various aspects of a scalable switching system and methods of using the same are described in co-assigned (1) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/768, 528, entitled "Scalable Switching System and Method," filed on January 23, 2001, (2) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/779,414, entitled "Intelligent Flow Control and Input/Output Buffer Distribution for Removing Head-of-Line-Blocking," filed on February 6, 2001, (3) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/956,612, entitled "Multiple Schedulers in a Scalable Switching System", filed on September 18, 2001 and (4) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/956,338, entitled "Virtual Output Queues in a Scalable Switching System", filed on September 18, 2001, which are all hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.--

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